

C H A P. XXII.

A Supplement to the act for the special appointment of inspectors.

Nothing having been done under the act of last session, ch. 13, this act appoints another time for doing what was directed by that act.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to prevent counterfeiting loan-office certificates.

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Tuesday the seventeenth of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and ended the 22d day of April: The following laws were enacted.

THOMAS JOHNSON, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the service of the United States.

To continue until the 10th of June next. Expired. This act provided for the collection of live cattle, beef, pork and bacon, for the use of the army; and the manner in which this collection is to be made is similar to that directed by the act of October, 1777, ch. 4. It also authorised the governor and the council, at rates fixed in the act, to hire or to impress carriages, teams and drivers, or boats and hands, to transport these articles when collected. And certificates given by agents, or their assistants, were discountable out of the public assessment of that year.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to direct the recording of a deed to John Raifin. PR.

C H A P. III.

An ACT to revive and continue an act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council.

C H A P. IV.

An ACT empowering Robert Richardson and Thomas Kemp to sell and dispose of the real estate of Philip Wetherell, deceased, and to apply the money arising therefrom to special purposes therein mentioned. PR.

C H A P. V.

An ACT to procure troops for the American army.

This act provides for raising 2,902 men, including the two artillery companies already marched to camp, and such volunteer recruits as have already been procured. This number of men is apportioned on the several counties according to the number of militia in each. As it may hereafter be a matter of curiosity to inquire what was esteemed the proportion at this period, between the several counties, with respect to population, it may not be amiss to set down the number of men by this act required from each. Saint-Mary's 140, Kent 128, Anne-Arundel 185, Calvert 74, Charles 145, Somerset 130, Dorchester 158, Baltimore 281, Prince-George's 163, Cecil 145, Talbot 105, Queen-Anne's 145, Worcester 138, Frederick 309, Harford 163, Caroline 108, Washington 120, Montgomery 156.

Each county is entitled to a deduction from its quota for all able bodied men already enlisted, or who may hereafter be enlisted under the act of last session, ch. 8. The recruiting service is directed to be continued, and all recruits are to pass muster before the lieutenant, or some field officer of the county.

If in any county its quota shall not be raised before the 20th of May next, the rest shall be a general muster of the militia, which is to be divided into so many classes, respect being had to property, as there shall be men wanted. A draught is to take place in every class that does not procure its recruit within five days, the person upon whom the lot shall fall, shall serve nine months, or be liable to be fined at the discretion of a court martial, which, however, has a power of excusing him at discretion; and the executive are authorised to appoint five exempts in each county as a court of appeals from the court martial. Any two militia men, providing a recruit to serve three years, or during the war, or for nine months after his arrival at camp, shall be exempted from this draught, and from all military duty out of the state, during the time for which their recruit has engaged to serve; and a total exemption is given to any one militia man finding a recruit to serve three years or during the war. The taking up and delivering to the lieutenant, by the 20th of May next, a deserter from the continental army, procures an exemption from all draughts for the present year; and taking up more than one deserter exempts from all draughts for as many years as the number of the deserters shall amount to. To favour the good people of the state as much as possible, every vagrant or man above 18 years of age, able bodied, and having no family, fixed habitation, or visible means of subsistence, is liable to be apprehended and carried before the lieutenant,